

House Resolution 49 (RULES COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)(AM)

By: Representatives Royal of the 171st, Floyd of the 147th, Channell of the 116th, Parrish of the 156th, Stephens of the 164th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Mental Health Professionals Study Committee; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, many states have undertaken efforts at reforming and improving the financing
3 and delivery of mental health services; and

4 WHEREAS, availability of a sufficient number of qualified, licensed mental health
5 professionals is a critical foundation to the success of any system designed to improve the
6 quality of such services; and

7 WHEREAS, there is a need to examine these issues to determine if legislative action is
8 needed to identify the shortage of mental health professionals in Georgia and ways to
9 increase their numbers and maximize their ability to provide the best mental health services.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
11 there is created the House Mental Health Professionals Study Committee to be composed of
12 six members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House
13 of Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson
14 of the committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
16 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action
17 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
18 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
19 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
20 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee
21 shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of
22 Georgia Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by
23 any member of the committee for more than three days unless two additional days are
24 authorized by the Speaker. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution

1 shall come from the funds appropriated to the House of Representatives. In the event the
2 committee makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for
3 proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December 1, 2007. The
4 committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2007.